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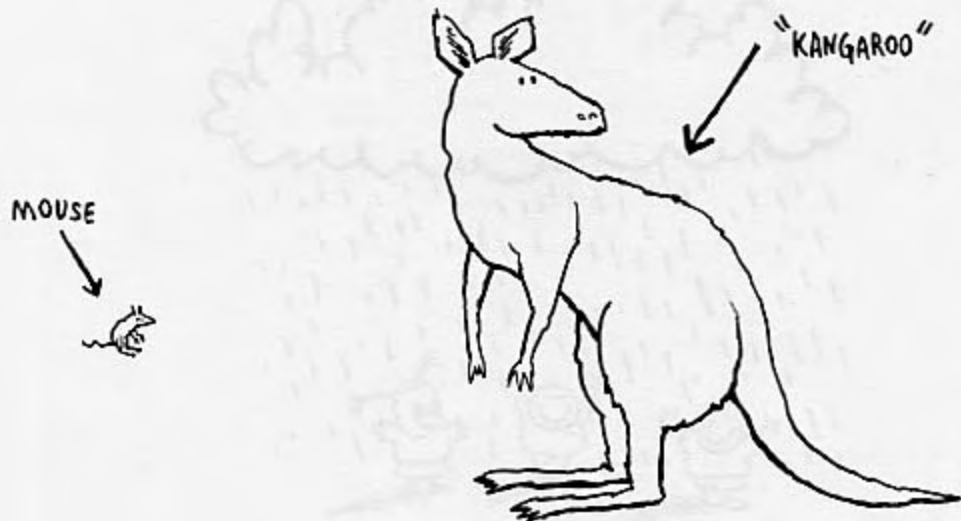
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Rain is Jesus's wee-wee

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS KANGAROOS
THEY'RE JUST MICE STANDING VERY NEAR



WINE



MAKES MUMMY
CLEVER

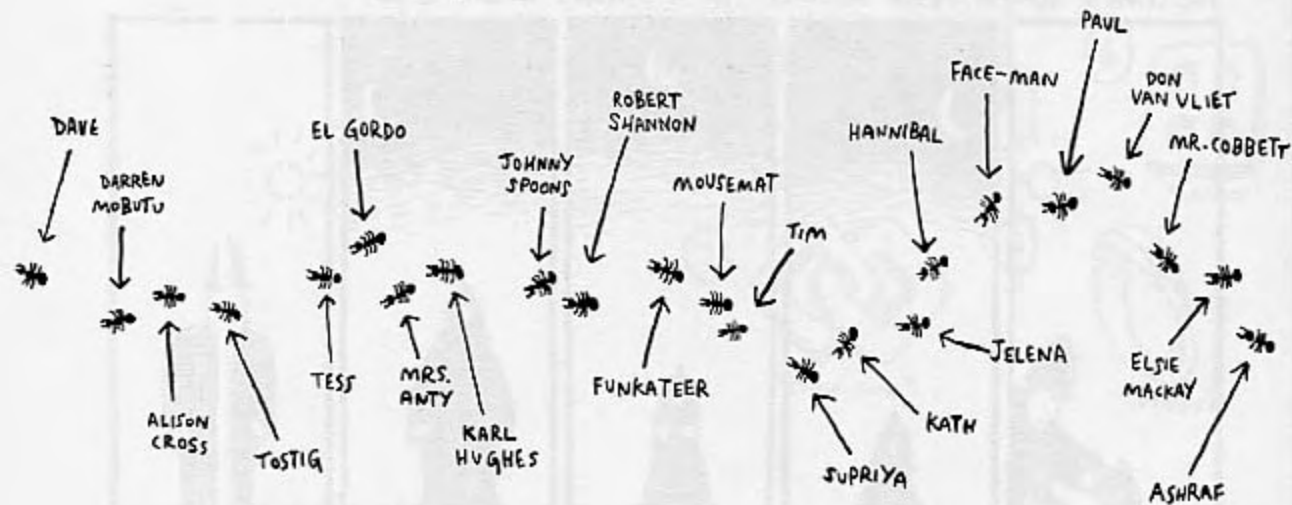


WHEN I WAS YOUR
AGE WEETABIX CAME
IN EIGHT DIFFERENT
SHAPES

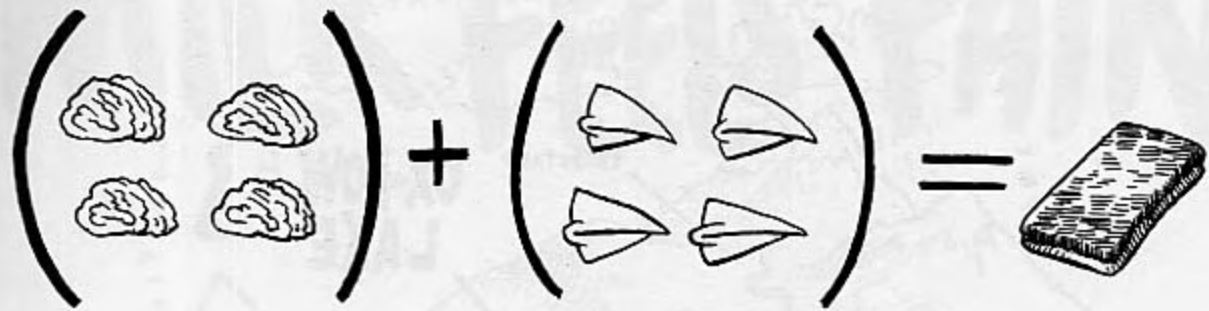
POLICEMEN GROW FROM HELMETS IN A SINGLE NIGHT



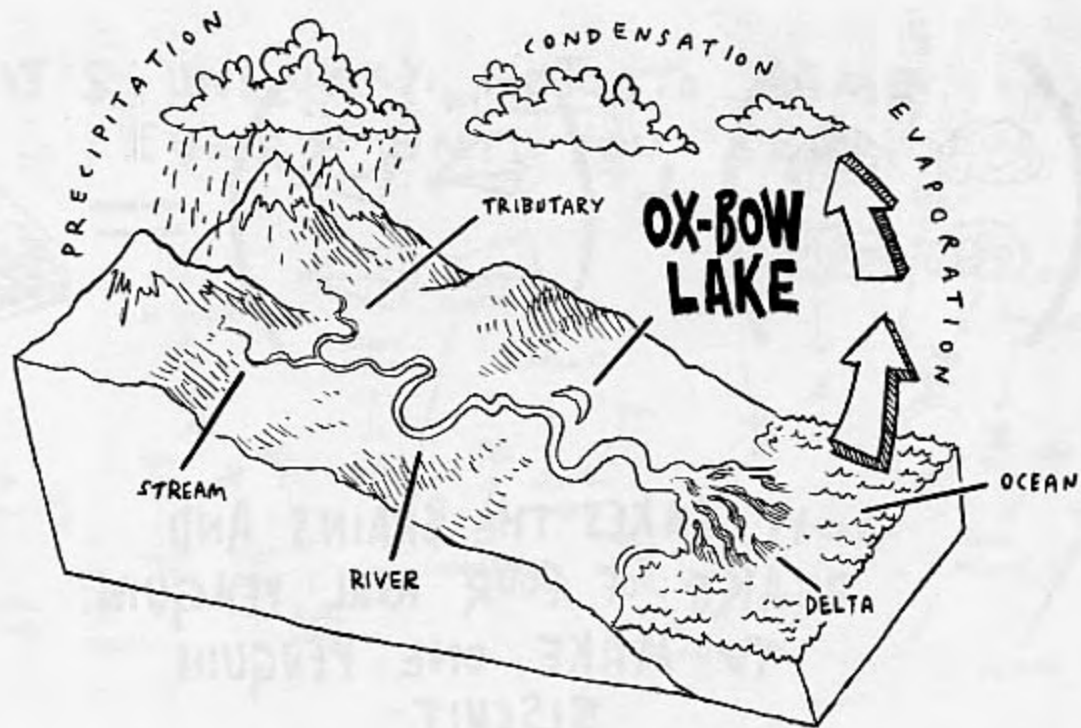
IT'S UNLUCKY NOT TO NAME
EVERY ANT YOU SEE



FOR YOUR WHOLE LIFE

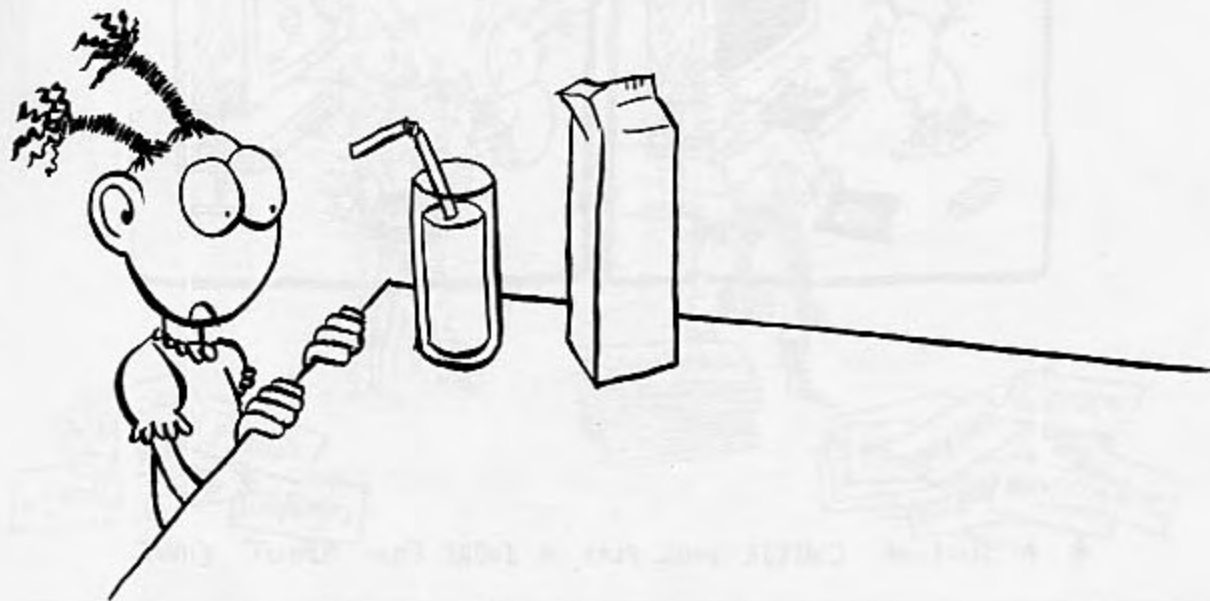


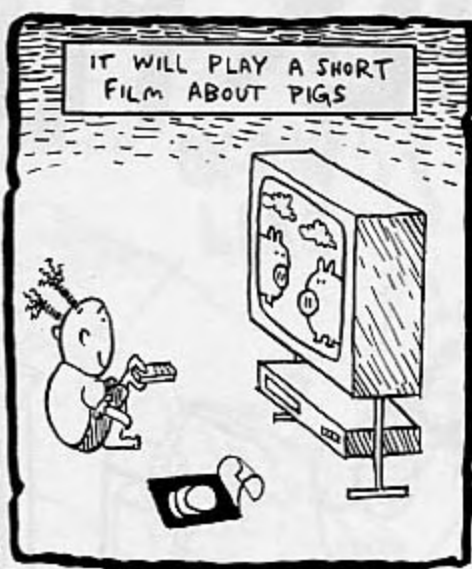
IT TAKES THE BRAINS AND
BEAKS OF FOUR REAL PENGUINS
TO MAKE ONE PENGUIN
BISCUIT



WHEN THEY TEACH YOU THE WATER CYCLE AT SCHOOL,
MAKE SURE YOU REMEMBER THE BIT ABOUT **OX-BOW LAKES**.
YOU'LL COME ACROSS THEM A **LOT** IN LATER LIFE.

MILK FEELS PAIN





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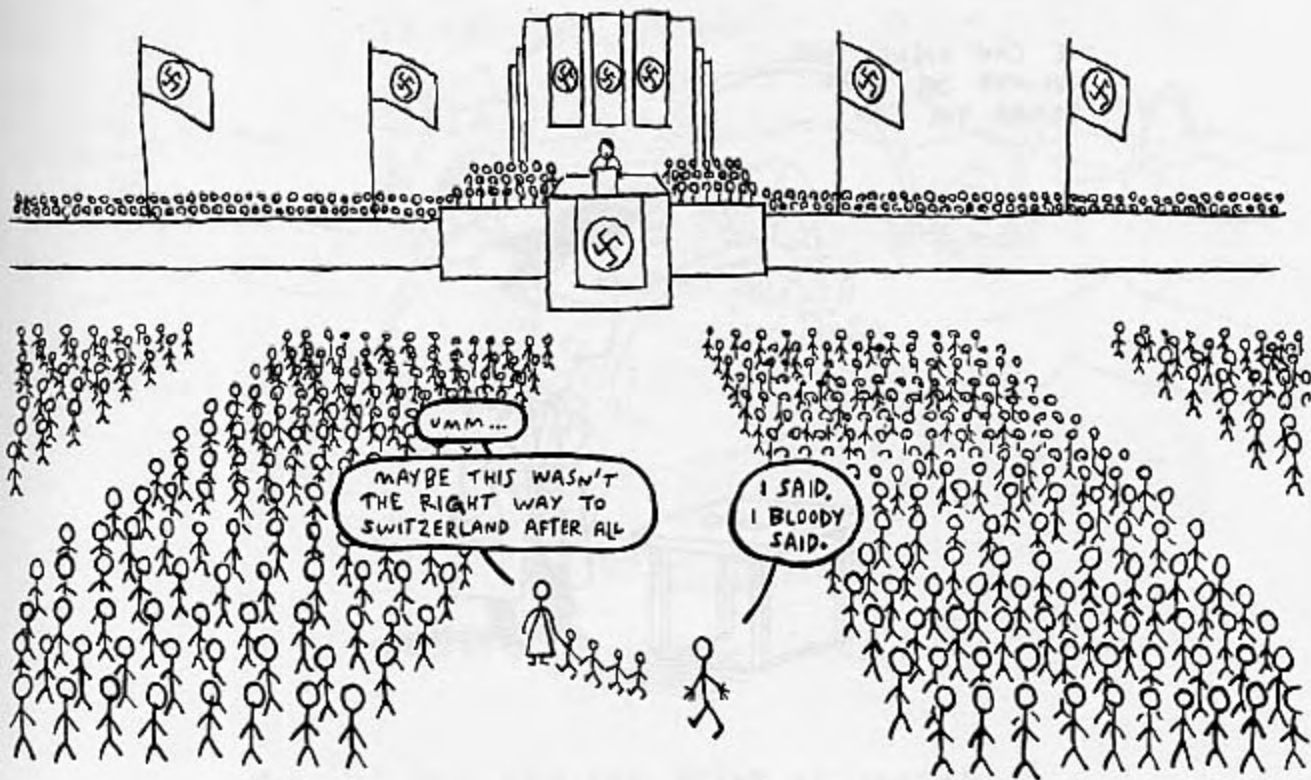
* A SLICE OF CHEESE WILL PLAY A SHORT FILM ABOUT COWS

STRICTLY SPEAKING, THE TOMATO
IS NOT A VEGETABLE

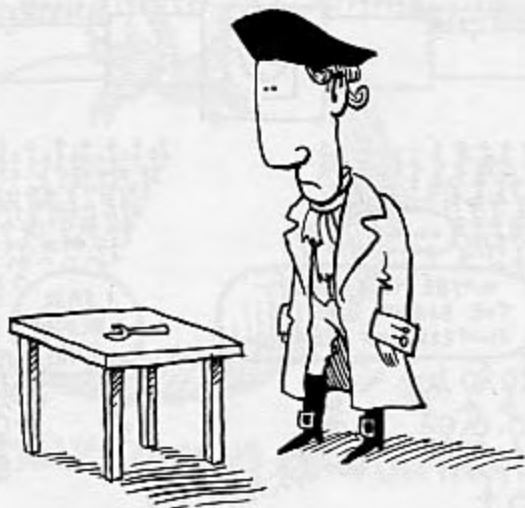


IT'S REALLY A KIND OF DOLPHIN

THERE'S A DIRECTOR'S CUT OF "THE SOUND OF MUSIC" WITH A DIFFERENT ENDING



THE CAN OPENER WAS
INVENTED 98 YEARS
BEFORE THE CAN

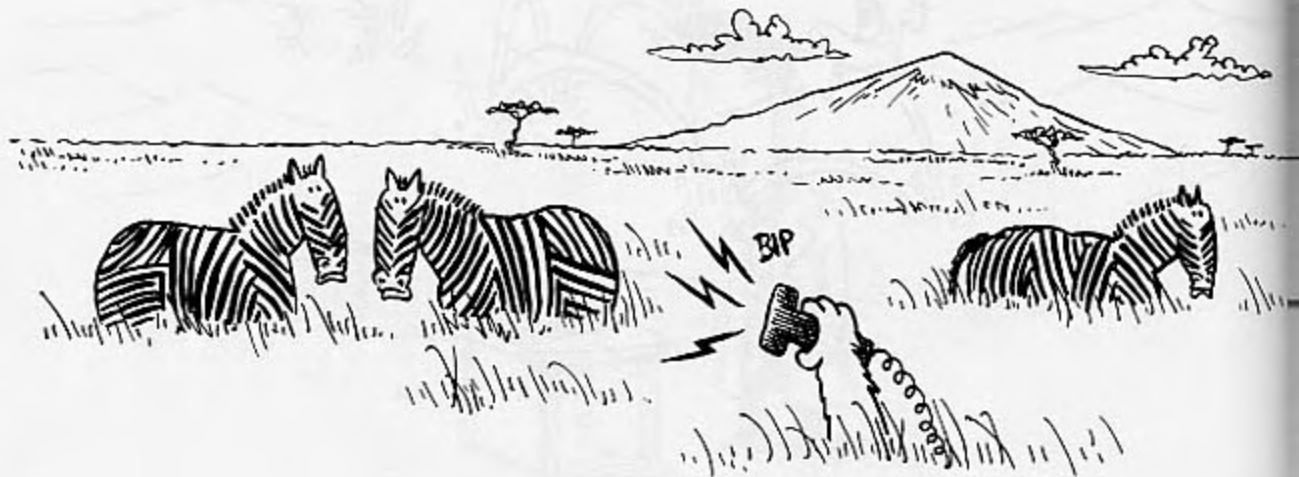


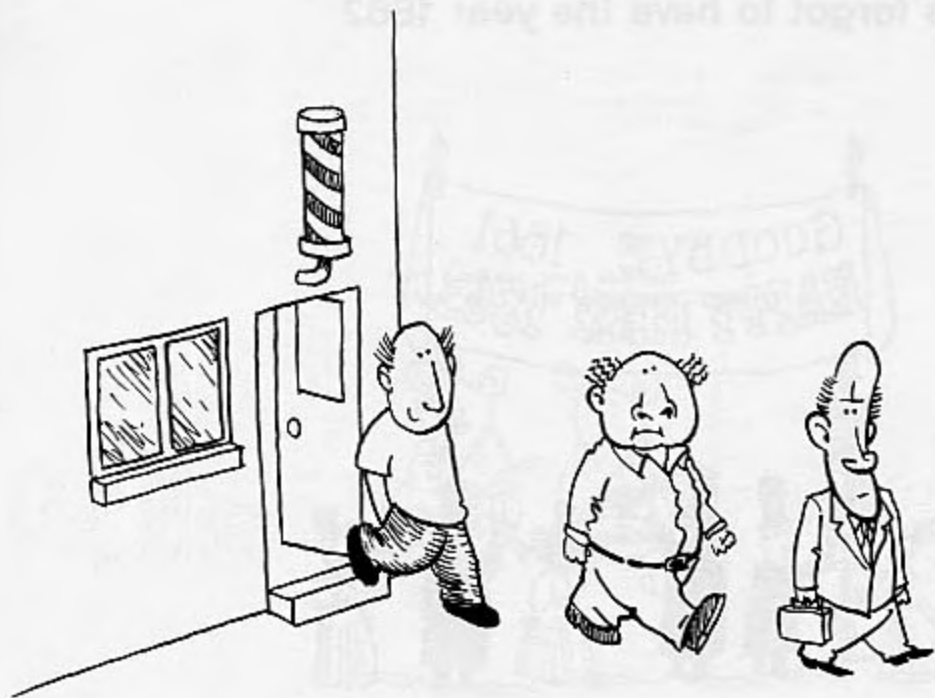


ONE IN TEN FISH ARE AFRAID OF WATER

LIONS CARRY BARCODE SCANNERS

THEY RUN THEM OVER ZEBRAS TO CHECK HOW
MUCH THEY COST BEFORE THEY EAT THEM





MEN DON'T GO BALD NATURALLY
THEY JUST LIKE GETTING THEIR HAIR CUT THAT WAY

the victorians forgot to have the year 1862



- › the error went unnoticed for more than a century
- › the year was finally held between 1995 and 1996

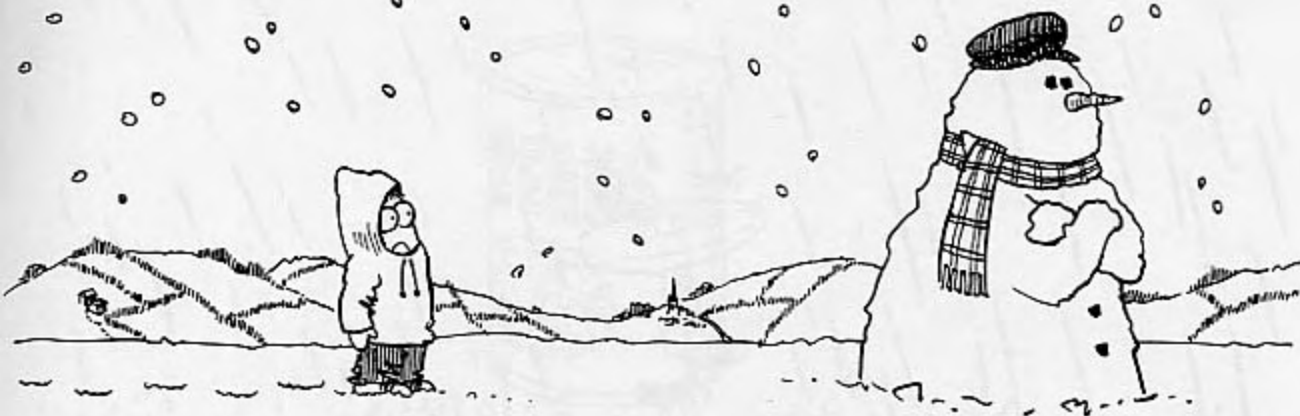
MICE COLLECT YOUR DANDRUFF
AND EAT IT AS CORNFLAKES





THIS SQUARE HAS A SECRET
FIFTH SIDE WHICH YOU WILL
ONLY SEE IF YOU STARE
AT IT FOR A VERY VERY
VERY LONG TIME

THAT SNOWMAN
YOU MADE



HE SAYS HE WON'T GO
WALKING IN THE AIR WITH YOU
'COS YOU'RE A STUPID BENNY



SCATTER DRAWING PINS NEXT TO AN ANTS' NEST
THEN WAIT TILL IT RAINS
THEY'LL PICK THEM UP AND USE THEM AS UMBRELLAS



CLOWNS MELT AT 29°C

THE TOOTH FAIRY ONCE WENT TO GET ONE OF DRACULA'S
FANGS BUT DRACULA'S CASTLE WAS REALLY DARK SO
SHE CUT HERSELF ON THE FANG BY MISTAKE AND
EVER SINCE THEN SHE'S BEEN A BLOOD-SUCKING
VAMPIRE TOOTH FAIRY!

ANYWAY, GOODNIGHT





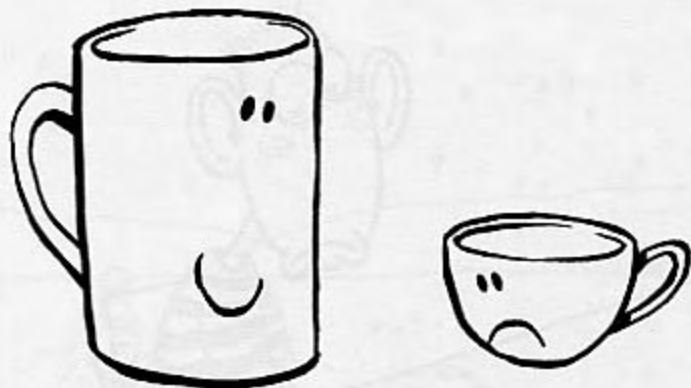
THAT WORD DAD
USES SOMETIMES

IT MEANS "PLEASE"

USE IT IN SCHOOL
AND AT THE SHOPS



MUGS ARE JUST CUPS
WHO'VE BEEN TO THE GYM



**IF YOU TRY A
VEGETABLE YOU
MIGHT LIKE IT**

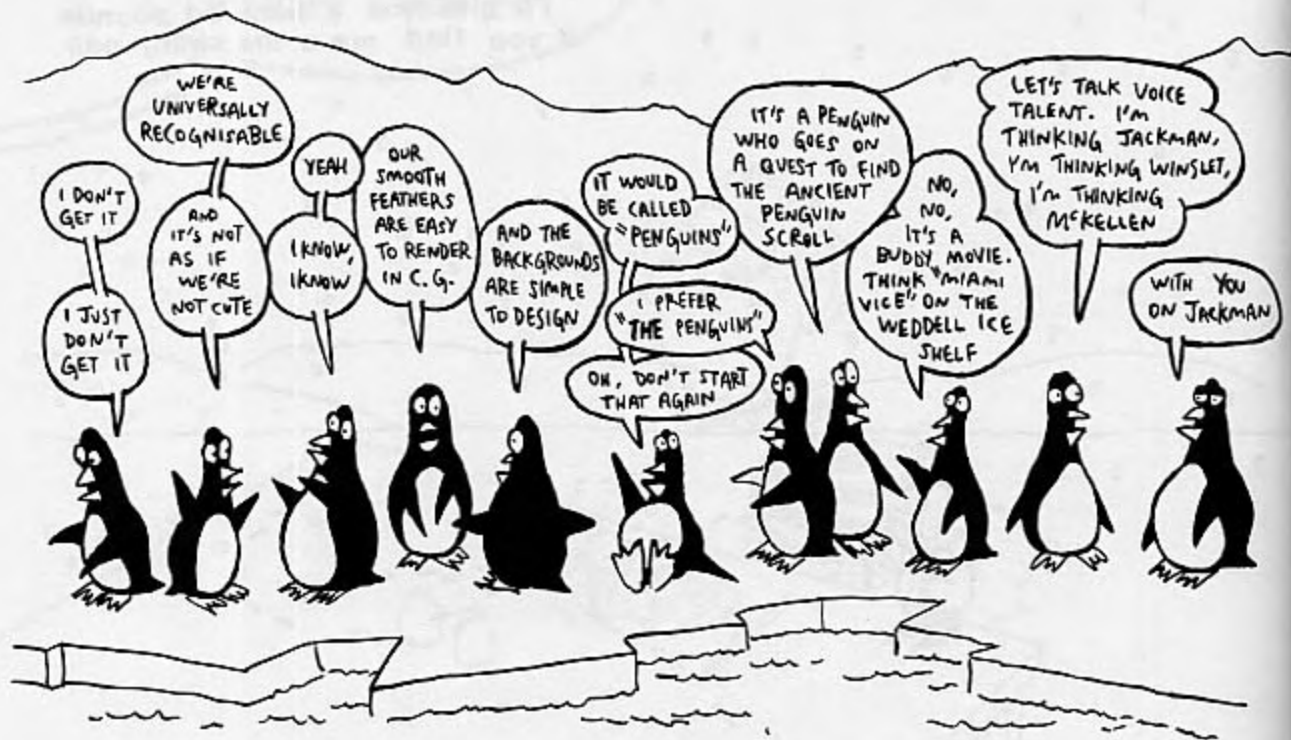


they say no two snowflakes are the same
but who's ever checked?

i'll give you a hundred pounds
if you find me a matching pair

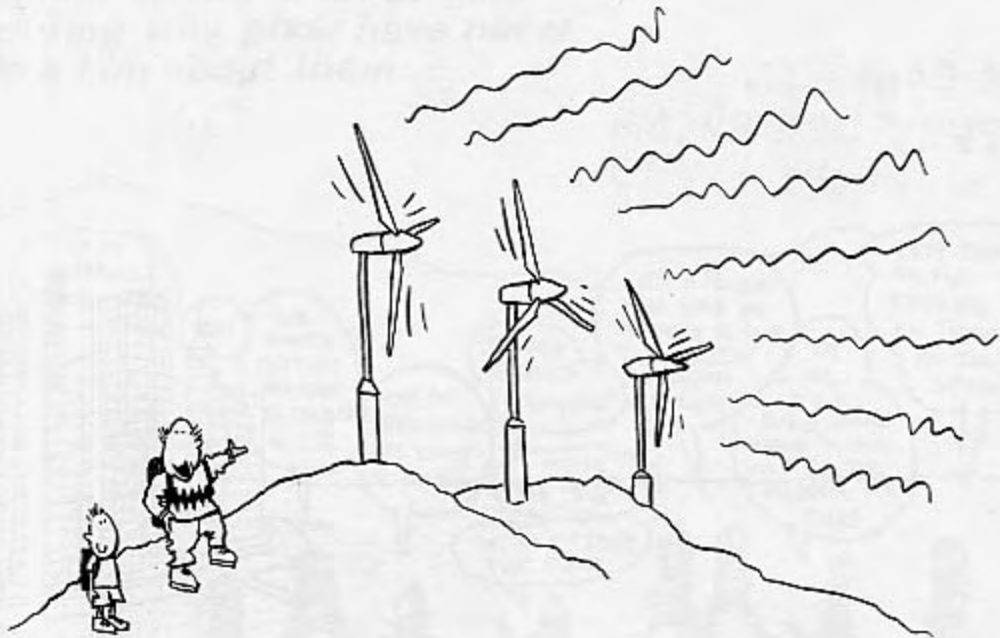


**penguins spend a lot of time
wondering why pixar have never
made a film about them**





GODZILLA HAS EVERY FRIDAY OFF

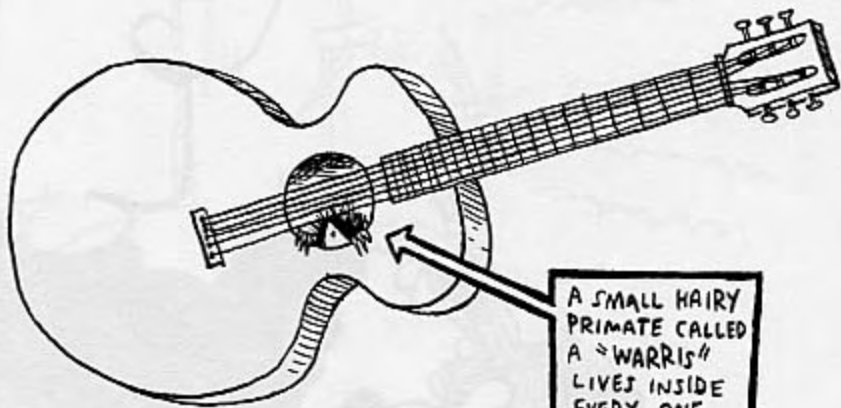


ALL WIND IS MADE BY WIND FARMS

**IN DENMARK
THEY USE BACON
AS BANK NOTES**



BEWARE OF GUITARS

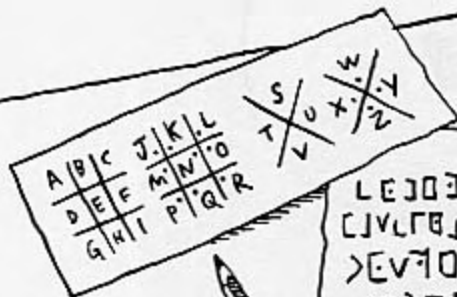
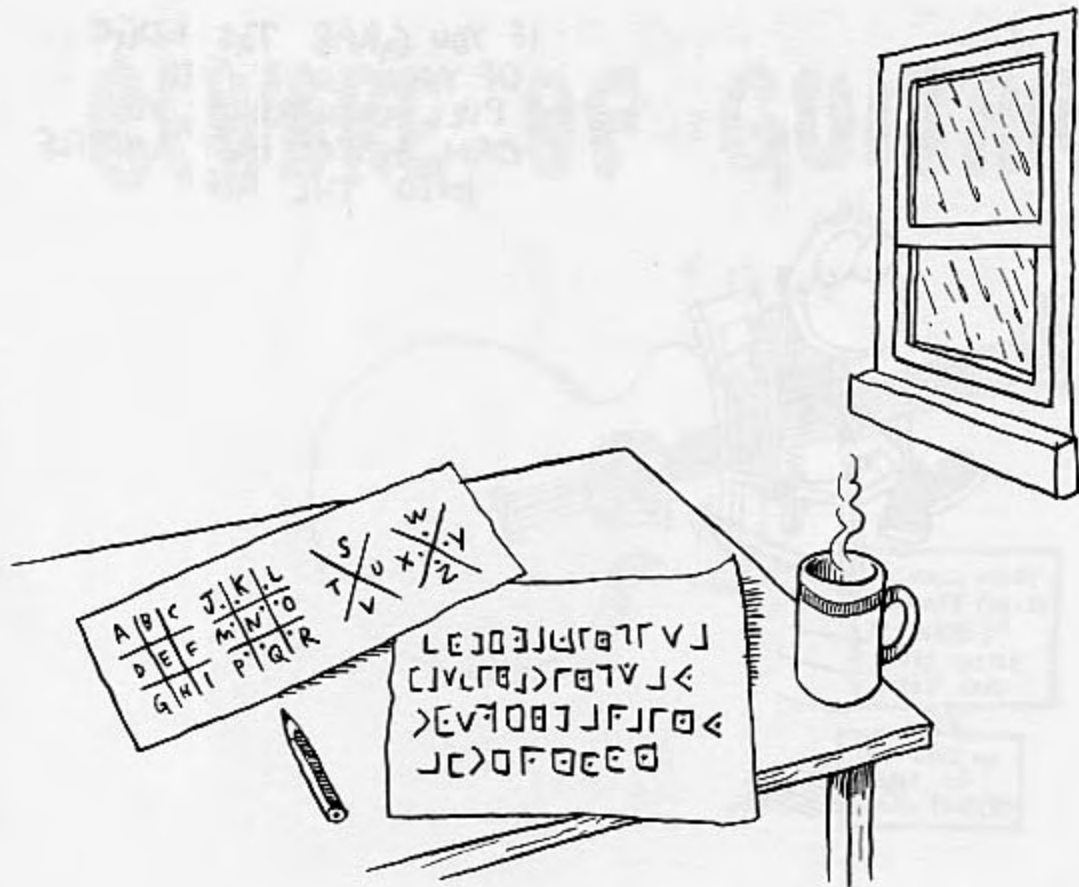


A SMALL HAIRY
PRIMATE CALLED
A "WARRIS"
LIVES INSIDE
EVERY ONE

THEY LIVE ON
A DIET OF
HUMAN FINGERS

IF YOU GRAB THE EDGE
OF YOUR CHAIR AND
PULL AS HARD AS YOU
CAN YOU'LL LIFT YOURSELF
INTO THE AIR





LEJNBNJWZGTVJ
[JVLRJ>ZGVJ<
>[VJGBJFJG<
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IT WAS GRANDAD WHO BURNED
ALL YOUR BARNEY VIDEOS

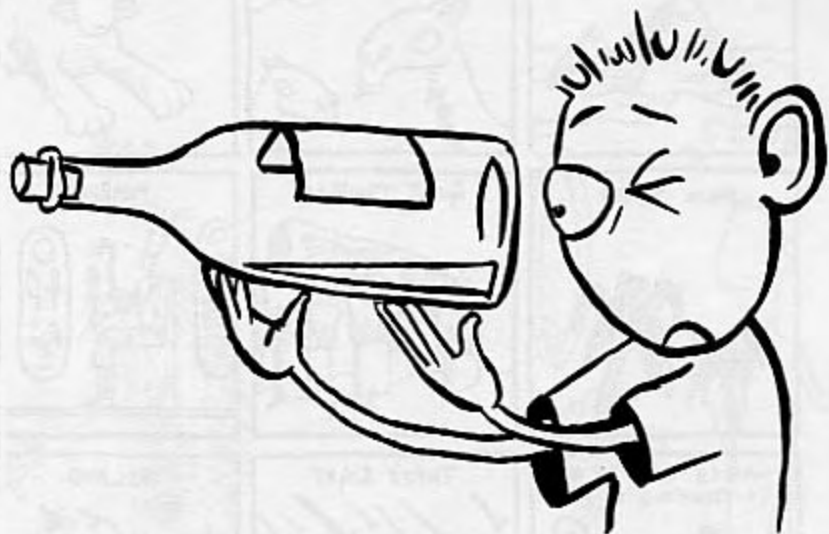
NOT US



PUBS HAVE SPECIAL
MAGNETS WHICH
DRAG DAD IN BY
HIS METAL FILLINGS

HE HAS NO CHOICE





THERE USED TO BE A SHIP IN THAT BOTTLE
BUT IT SANK



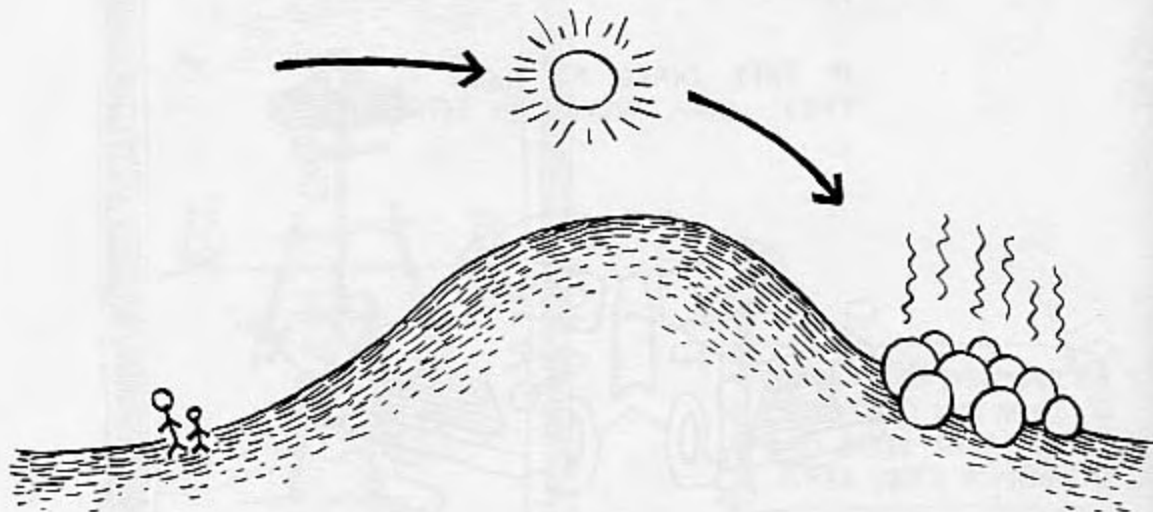
CAPTAIN JACK WENDOVER
(1715-1763) LOST MORE
BODY PARTS THAN ANY
OTHER PIRATE IN HISTORY

TWO IN EVERY FORTY THOUSAND
CARS LEAVE THE FACTORY
AS "SIAMESE CARS"

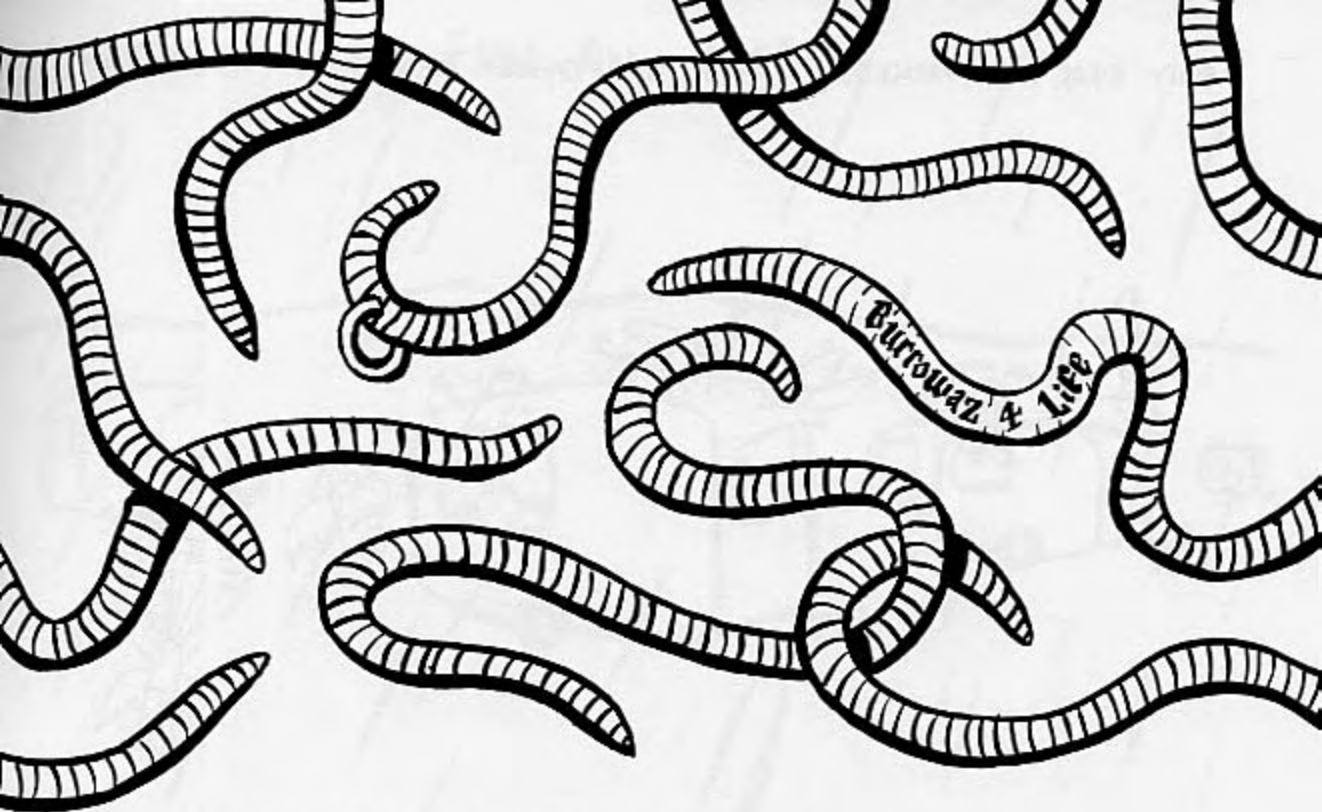
IF THEY SHARE AN AXLE
THEY CAN NEVER BE SEPARATED



A NEW SUN GOES OVER EVERY DAY
THERE'S A BIG PILE OF THEM ON
THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT HILL



WHEN THEY COOL DOWN PEOPLE
CUT THEM INTO BLOCKS AND
THAT'S WHERE WE GET MARGARINE FROM



ONE IN EIGHT EARTHWORMS HAVE PIERCINGS
ONE IN TWENTY HAVE TATTOOS

MOST BIRDS WEAR PARACHUTES IN CASE THEY SUDDENLY FORGET HOW TO FLY



WE'LL HAVE FUN ALL WEEK



AT THE CARAVAN PARK

eggs talk to each other after you shut the fridge door

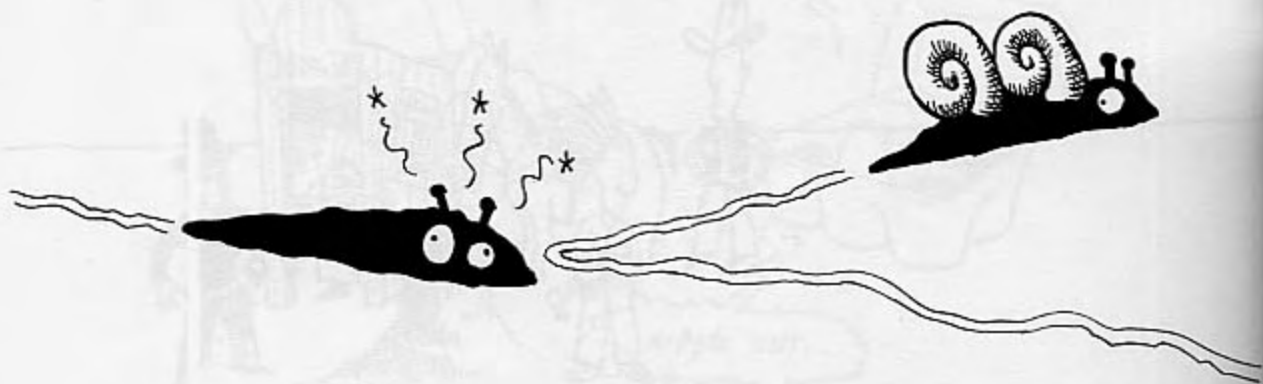


THE WILD WEST WAS ONLY
TEN BY EIGHT FEET WIDE



SLUGS

are just snails who've
been mugged by other
snails



If you ring the number of a house where you used to live
you can talk to **THE PAST VERSION OF YOURSELF**

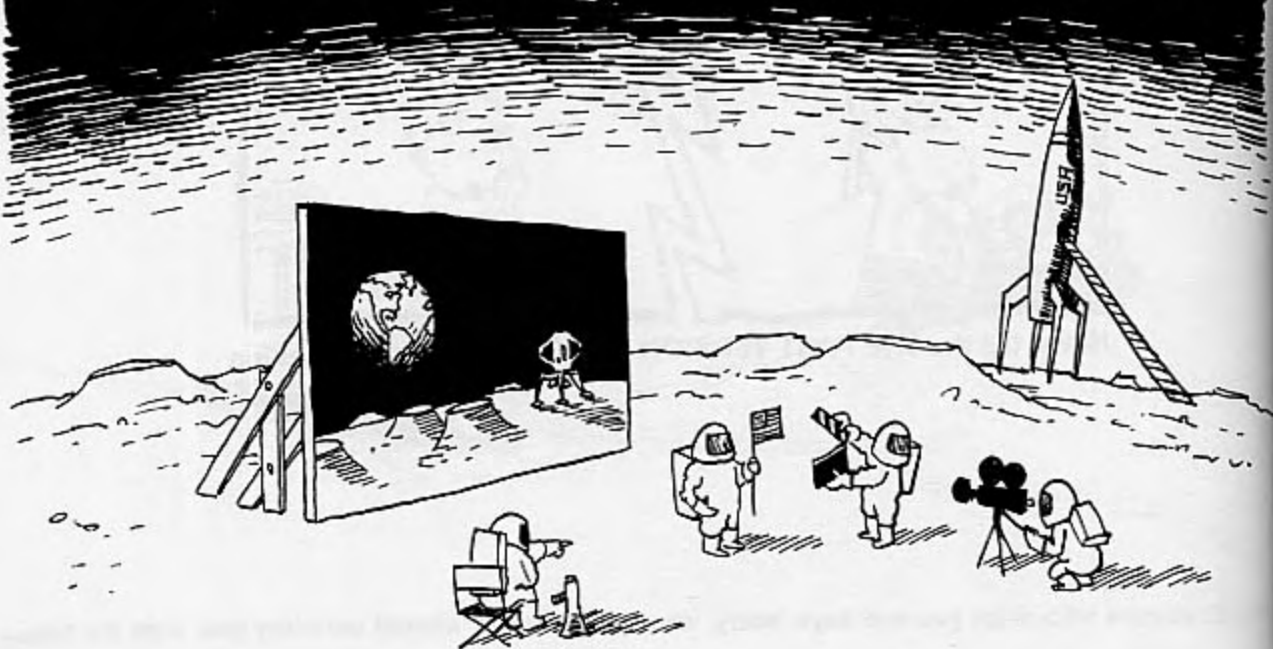


Never tell the **THE PAST VERSION OF YOURSELF** who is calling

NOTE: anyone who rings you and says 'sorry, wrong number' is almost certainly you from the future

NASA'S MOON MISSIONS WERE ALL
FAKED ON A MOVIE SET

ON THE PLANET MARS



WE'LL GIVE YOU A PONY
IF YOU CLEAN
THE CAR

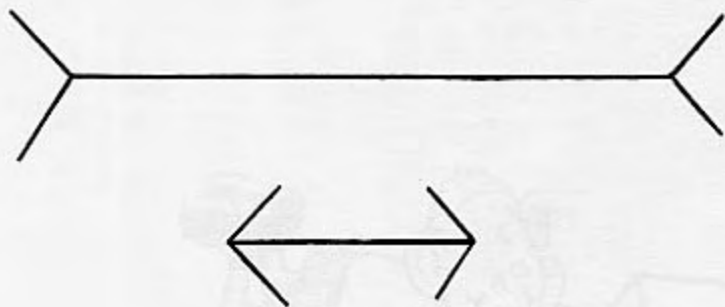


orange-hatted witches
always forget to
read road signs





KEEP A CHICKEN NUGGET IN A SHOE BOX, LEAVE IT SOME
WATER AND CORN, AND SOON IT WILL GROW INTO A LIVE CHICKEN



LOOK AT THE TWO HORIZONTAL
LINES ON THIS PAGE. WHICH
ONE IS LONGER?

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS
NEITHER. IF YOU THINK
THE TOP ONE IS LONGER THAT'S
JUST AN OPTICAL ILLUSION.



SAY A PRAYER BEFORE
YOU GO TO BED



THEN OPEN THE WINDOW
AND MAKE A RABBIT
SNARE



BY MORNING YOU'LL
HAVE CAUGHT A
REAL ANGEL TO
KEEP AS A PET !!

the statue of liberty switches hands when her torch arm gets tired
she only does it when no-one's looking

1951



1977



1998



the next time should be in about twelve years

WHEN YOU REACH
TWELVE OR SO, YOU WILL
GROW PUBIC HAIR AND
YOUR SKIN MAY GET SPOTTY



AND YOUR NOSE
WILL GROW TINY,
SHARP RETRACTABLE
TEETH CALLED
"DENTICLES"



YOUR DAD IS A SUPER-HERO

>He was bitten by a radioactive MAN, giving him all the powers of a MAN

>His super-hero name is 'MAN-MAN'

>His super-hero costume is jeans and a shirt from Gap

>His arch-nemesis is called 'All The Stuff That Needs Doing'

>Thrill to his exploits!



Q: WHERE DO BATTERIES
GET THEIR POWER
FROM?



A: TINY PEDALLING
MICE





if you saw the queen split open
you'd see she's full of swans



IF YOU STICK YOUR
HAND DOWN THE
TOILET



IT COMES OUT OF
A TOILET IN
CHINA



TRY WAVING

SPRINKLE SAND
OUTSIDE AN ANTS' NEST



THEN LAY COTTON BUDS AND
ASSORTED WASHERS ON THE SAND



IN THE MORNING YOU WILL HAVE
YOUR OWN INSECT 'MUSCLE BEACH'





THAT ROAD SIGN MEANS
"BE VERY QUIET
IN THE CAR"

EVERY JUNE, SCOTLAND IS
TOWED 1000 MILES SOUTH
SO IT CAN HAVE A SUMMER

ONLY 10% OF PEOPLE IN
SCOTLAND KNOW THIS

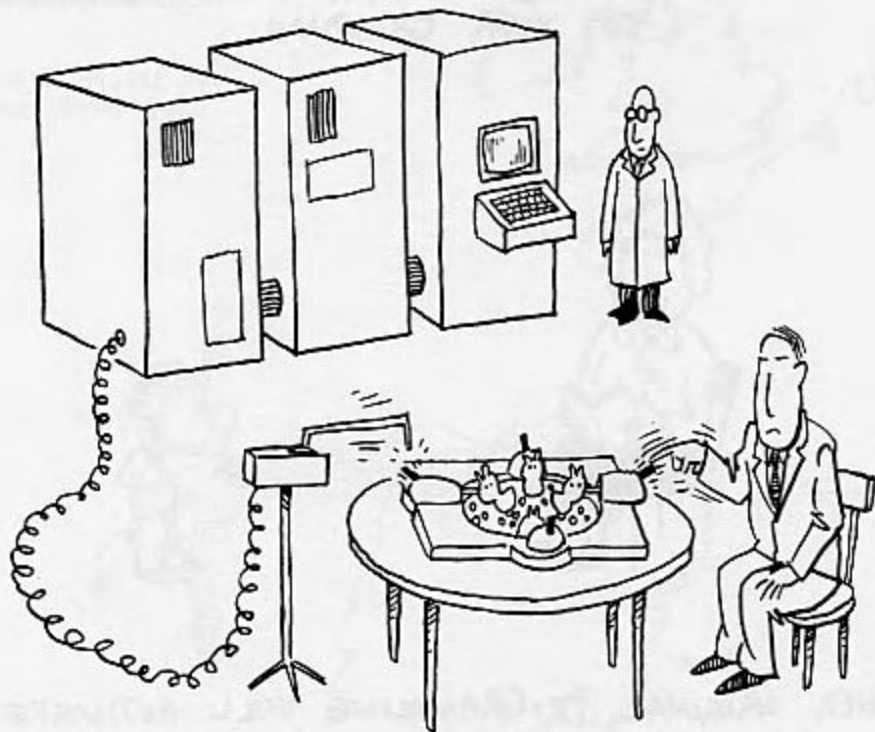


IF YOU UTTER THE TRIGGER WORD "BADMINTON"
TO YOUR GRANDMA



HER ORIGINAL PROGRAMMING WILL ACTIVATE
AND SHE WILL KILL ALL HUMANS

THE BEST COMPUTERS IN THE WORLD CAN BEAT ANYONE AT HUNGRY HUNGRY HIPPOS



EVEN RUSSIAN GRANDMASTERS

FATHER CHRISTMAS IS HIDING IN THE
PAKISTAN / AFGHANISTAN BORDER REGION,
NEVER SLEEPING IN THE SAME PLACE FOR
TWO NIGHTS RUNNING



HE'S ON THE CIA'S TEN MOST WANTED LIST

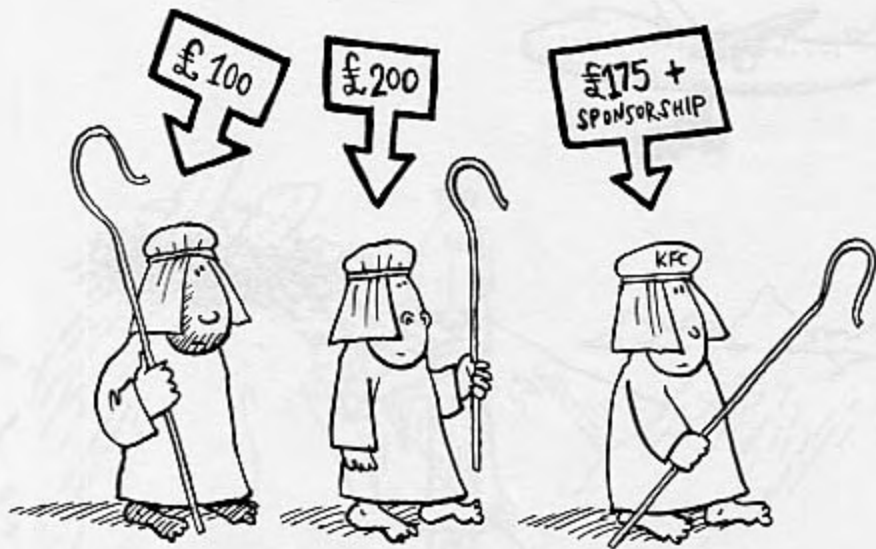
SOME PEOPLE SAY DELTA
FORCE HAVE ALREADY KILLED
HIM

THEY DIDN'T STOP DAD FROM DRIVING
HE'S JUST GIVING HIS ARMS A REST



FOR TWO YEARS

ALL THE OTHER SHEPHERDS IN THE NATIVITY
PLAY ARE GETTING APPEARANCE MONEY



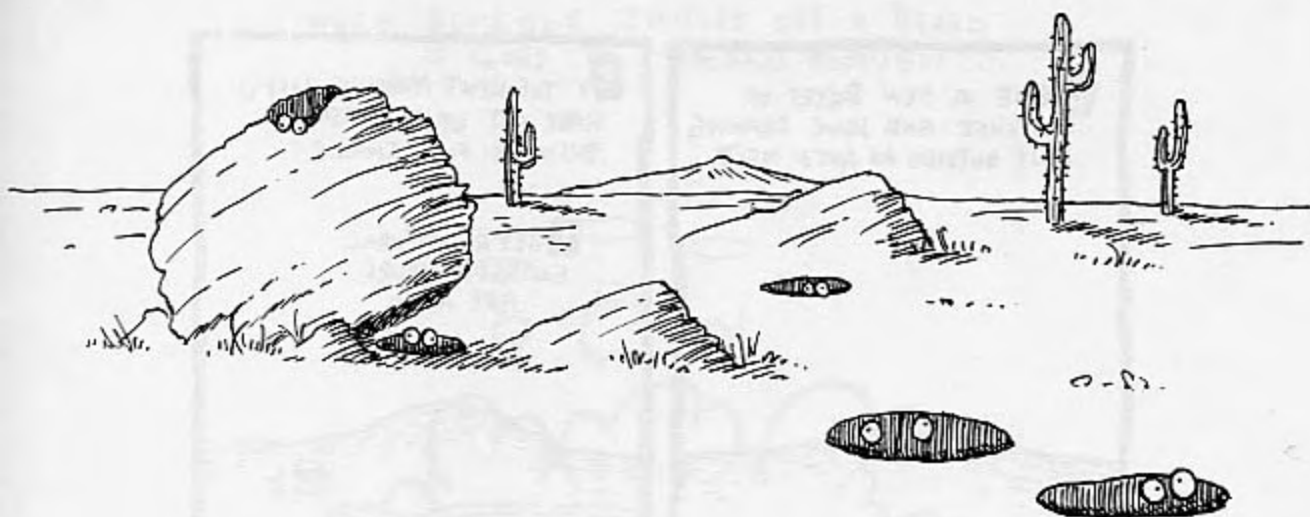
IT'S COMPLETELY IMPOSSIBLE TO
TOUCH YOUR OWN NOSE SO
DON'T EVEN TRY



CLOWNS ARE MADE PURELY
FROM THE CHEMICAL ELEMENT
"CLOWN" (SYMBOL CW,
ATOMIC WEIGHT 15)

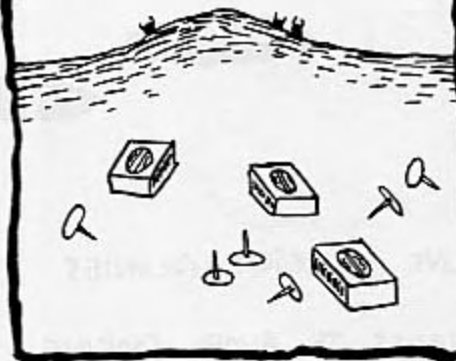
THIS IS AN ATOM OF
CLOWN MAGNIFIED
3,000,000 TIMES





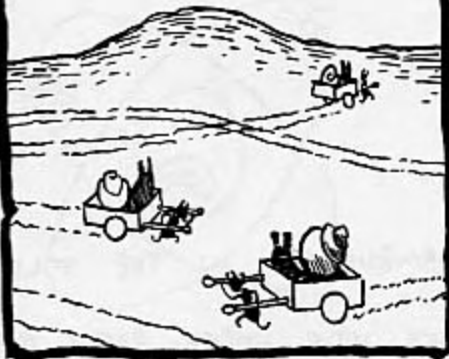
HAMBURGERS IN THE WILD LIVE IN DESERT COLONIES
THEY HIDE UNDER ROCKY OVERHANGS TO AVOID COOKING
THEMSELVES IN THE HEAT OF THE DAY

LEAVE A FEW BOXES OF
MATCHES AND SOME DRAWING
PINS OUTSIDE AN ANTS' NEST

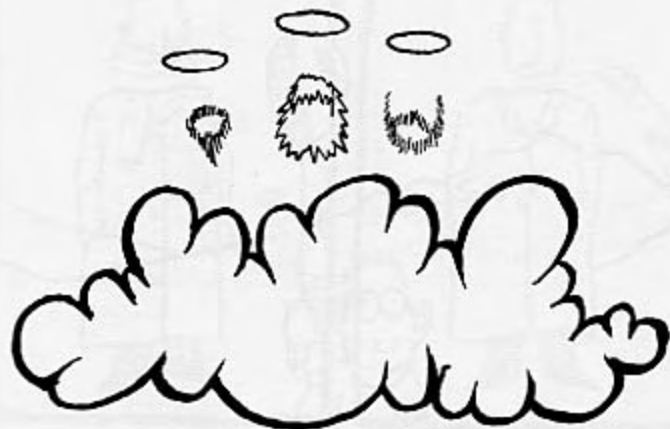


BY THE NEXT MORNING THEY'LL
HAVE SET UP A RICKSHAW
BUSINESS FOR SNAILS

THEY'RE NATURAL
ENTREPRENEURS,
ARE ANTS



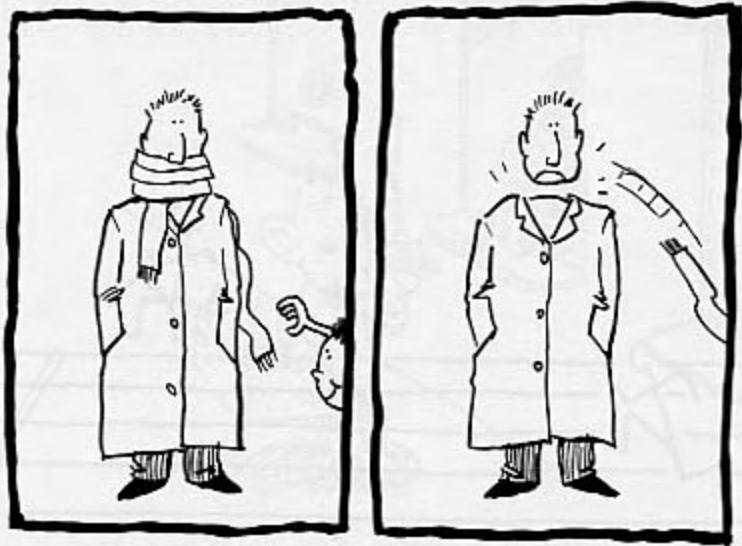
WHEN SOMEONE SHAVES OFF A BEARD
IT GOES TO BEARD HEAVEN



ALL BALLOONS HAVE A REFLECTION OF A WINDOW IN
THEM ***EVEN WHEN THERE IS NO WINDOW NEARBY***

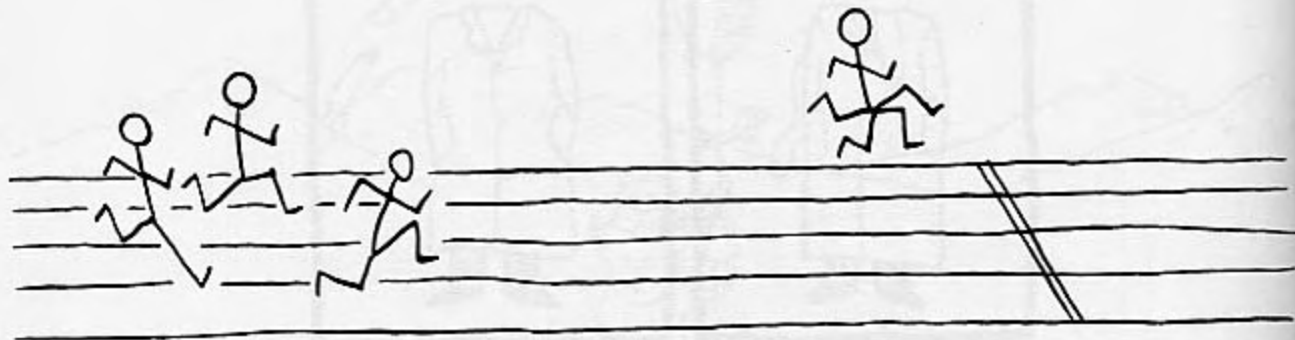


people who wear scarves

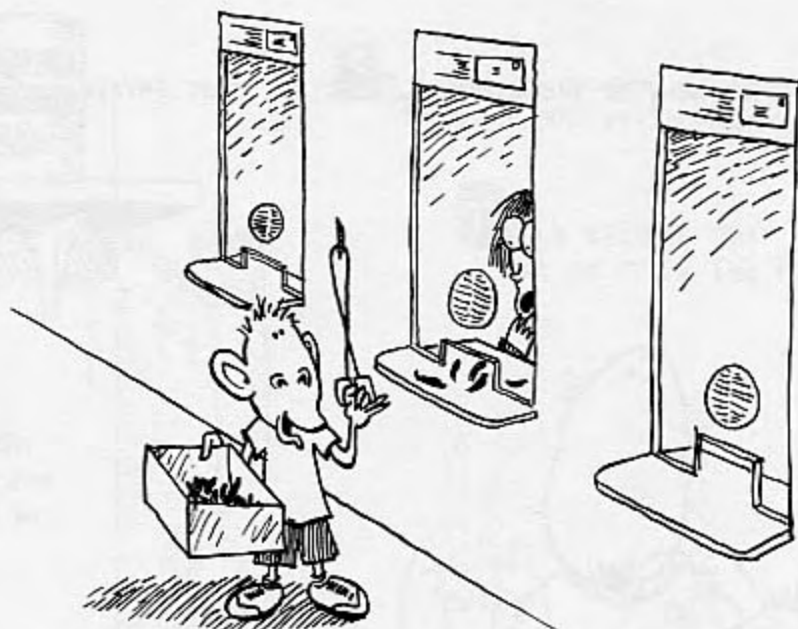


are just trying to hide the fact that they've got
heads but no necks

THE FASTEST RECORDED 100 METRE
TIME IS 4.8 SECONDS BY MIGUEL
PIÑON IN THE 2000 OLYMPICS



HIS MEDAL WAS LATER CONFISCATED AFTER
A RANDOM TEST SHOWED UP AN ILLEGAL
NUMBER OF LEGS



- > CAT POO ARE WORTH £300 EACH
- > COLLECT THEM WITH TONGS
- > WHEN YOU'VE GOT FIFTY, TAKE THEM TO THE POST OFFICE AND CLAIM YOUR MONEY

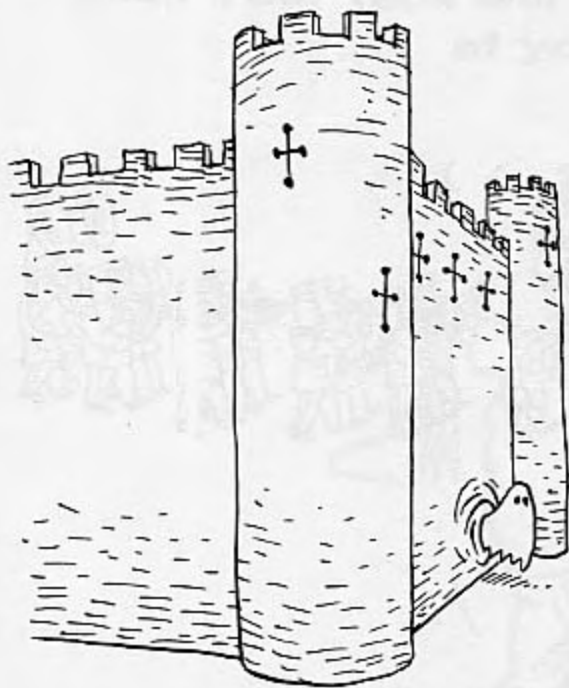
YOU KNOW MY MUG IN THE KITCHEN? THE ONE THAT SAYS



THERE ARE
ONLY THREE
IN EXISTENCE

THEY ARE
AWARDED
JUST ONCE
EVERY 100
YEARS





I KNOW YOU DIDN'T SEE ANY GHOSTS
WHEN WE VISITED THE CASTLE

THAT'S BECAUSE THEY WERE
ALL ON THEIR FAG BREAK



WE DIDN'T HAVE I-PODS WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE



SO WE ALL HAD 20 PIECE MARCHING BANDS
WITH 10,000 SONGS MEMORISED

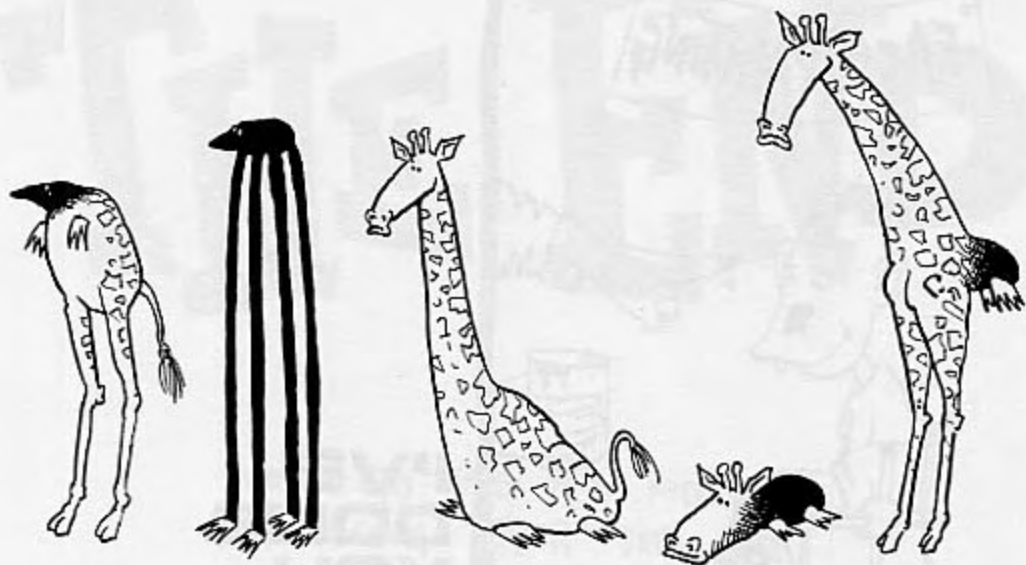
**if you spin round really fast and then
stop your face will skid round to the back
of your head**



IF YOU BREAK THE LAW OF GRAVITY THE PENALTY IS HANGING



sometimes a daddy mole and a mummy giraffe have babies



though it's generally discouraged

THERE:



**I'VE
DONE
YOU
AS
SPIDERMAN**

THE END

NOW GO AND PLAY NICELY
AND NEVER EVER TELL FIBS

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